

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following below the Title Of The Invention:

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Please amend the paragraph from page 9, line 15 to page 10, line 5 as follows:

--When print data are being transmitted, a check is performed to determine, via the IEEE 1394 controller 5 on the IEEE 1394 line, whether a printer in a session is currently connected to the bus (S504). If the printer in the session is connected, it is assumed that the bus reset does not adversely affect the communications performed by the printer and the interrupt process is terminated (S522). If the pertinent printer is not connected, it is assumed that the printer that is receiving data is not connected to the bus, and a logout process for the internal communication performed by the host computer (an abnormality end process) is performed (S505). The timer for the host computer is started and measures the elapsed time since the printer was disconnected from the bus (S506). The elapsed time is stored in an area "TIME" in the RAM 2. A value in "TIME" is then compared with a value in "SESSIONTIME" (S507).--

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 5 to 11 as follows:

--While in the first embodiment the session time is set by a user, the session time can be fixed by a system. Further, in the first embodiment, the session time for the